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BEGIN SUMMARY:

FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE AGREED TO "ATTEMPT" TO "COMPLETE"
FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION BY ADDING FORMULATIONS WHICH WILL TAKE
ACCOUNT OF ELEMENTS WHICH OTHER ALLIES WISH TO ADD TO FRENCH DRAFT.
IF DE ROSE AT NEXT WEEK'S NAC IS ABLE TO MAKE PROPOSALS ALONG THESE
LINES WHICH ARE REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO OTHER ALLIES, PAR-
TICULARLY NON-EC NATO COUNTRIES, THIS SHOULD FIRMLY ESTABLISH FRENCH
DRAFT AS THE BASIS FOR FORMAL DRAFTING, WHICH IS LIKELY TO GET UNDER
WAY FOLLOWING OCTOBER 31 COUNCIL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES SAID THAT, WHILE IT IS NOT EASY TO
ENVISAGE AN AMALGAMATION OF THE FRENCH AND CANADIAN DRAFTS, SOONER
OR LATER THE ALLIES WILL NEED TO BEGIN WORKING TOWARDS A DOCUMENT
TO WHICH ALL GOVERNMENTS CAN SUSCRIBE INTIMATING AN EVENTUAL
WILLINGNESS TO WORK FROM THE FRENCH DOCUMENT, MENZIES REVIEWED
THE ELEMENTS MISSING FROM THE FRENCH TEXT WHICH CANADA CON-
SIDERS SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENTS

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(A) FOSTERING OF DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND RESPECTS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;

(B) A VIGOROUS COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO FURTHER REDUCE

EAST/WEST TENSIONS AND ACHIEVE DETENTE IN EUROPE;

(C) RECOGNITION THAT THE ACCELERATING PACE OF SOCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS CREATES NEW COMMON PROBLEMS BUT ALSO PROVIDES NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION, SUCH AS IN OUR SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS:

(D) IN THE FORMULATION OF THEIR TRADE, MONETARY AND ECONOMIC POLICIES THE ALLIES HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH POLICIES FOR THEIR PARTNERS AND FOR THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE;

(E) CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROMOTION OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC WELL BEING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:

(F) INTENSIFIED CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION OF POLICIES BY THE ALLIES ACROSS THE RANGE OF THEIR SHARED INTERESTS, WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THEIR UNITY, AVOIDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FURTHERING THEIR COMMON GOALS.

2. MENZIES ADDED THAT IF MAJORITY OF COUNCIL WISHES TO PROCEED ON BASIS OF FRENCH DRAFT, CANADA WILL BE PREPARED TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC WORDING ON THE FOREGOING POINTS. MENZIES ALSO ASKED FOR A CLARIFICATION OF THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE FRENCH TEXT WHERE IT IS STATED "...THE PROBLEM OF ITS DEFENSE IS GRADUALLY TAKING ON A DIMENSION OF ITS OWN." HE INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SEES BETWEEN PARAGRAPH 6 IN FRENCH DRAFT AND ARTICLE V OF THE NATO TREATY. WHILE THE FRENCH THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE IN NATO TO CHANGE THE TREATY, PARA 6 APPEARS LESS PRECISE THAN ARTICLE V AND SEEMS TO IMPLY THAT THE MAJOR, IF NOT SOLE, CONCERN IS WITH EUROPEAN DEFENSE. DENMARK (SVART) REITERATED DANISH VIEW THAT DECLARATION SHOULD CONTAIN SOME ELEMENTS NOT MENTIONED IN FRENCH DRAFT. IT WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, NATURAL AND NECESSARY THAT THERE BE SOME GENERAL

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REFERENCE TO BURDEN SHARING AND MBFR. DENMARK WANTED DECLARATION TO PROVIDE STRENGTHENING OF ALLIANCE ROLE IN DETENTE AND AS A FORUM FOR GENERAL POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. IN CONNECTION WITH RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD, SVART SAID THAT PARA 15 OF THE HARMEL REPORT PROVIDES USEFUL LANGUAGE AND THAT ALLIES SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO AVOID IMPRESSION OF EXTENDING NATO'S JURISDICTION.

3. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) NOTED THAT CANADA'S "SIX POINTS" AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER ALLIES HAD NOW MADE CLEAR TO FRANCE WHAT ELEMENTS ARE MISSING FROM FRENCH DRAFT. HE ASKED IF FRANCE MIGHT CONTRIBUTE FURTHER FORMULATIONS WHICH WOULD ENABLE ALLIES TO "COMPLETE" THE TEXT. SUCH ADDITIONS WOULD ENABLE THE ALLIES TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE BASIS OF A SINGLE DOCUMENT, WOULD RETAIN

THE STYLE OF THE FRENCH DRAFT, AND WOULD RESULT IN AN IMPROVED STRENGTHENED VERSION OF FRENCH TEXT.

4. FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE WELCOMED CANADIAN STATEMENT, WHICH WENT TO THE CORE OF THE PROBLEM. WITH RESPECT TO DE STAERCKE'S PROPOSAL, THAT FRANCE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE IDEAS EXPRESSED AROUND THE TABLE, DE ROSE SAID ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO DO THIS AND WOULD TRY TO PUT SOMETHING TO THE COUNCIL NEXT WEEK. HE COULD NOT, OF COURSE, PROMISE THAT FRANCE COULD GO BEYOND THE BASIC IDEAS INHERENT IN THE FRENCH DRAFT.

5. DE ROSE THE PROPOSED TWO SPECIFIC MODIFICATIONS IN THE FRENCH TEXT:

(A) IN ORDER TO ASSO

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